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Site Address: LAND SOUTH OF CELLARHEAD SUBSTATION AND WEST OF Rownall Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire

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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

I am in disbelief to note the further addition of intrusive highly visible industrial infrastructure on this already major sized site, albeit in compliance of current Fire and Safety requirements now imposed, following the growing number of lethal accidents involving these highly volatile explosive Lithium Iron battery Storage fires. Even trained and experienced fire crews have taken days to extinguish these extremely high temperature fires which accompany intoxicating deadly fumes. I wonder if the nearest Fire crews from Ipstones and Longton have any experience at all in handling these fireball disasters and have received any specialist training? Recommendations now include a Fire and Safety Site inspection and subsequent ¿location specific¿ report not merely the exchange of generic recommendations, I don¿t see one in this application!

The two huge visually dominant water silos now included in the plan, have a combined capacity of 340,000 litres which is an awful lot of water to contain in event of fire. The spent water will be highly toxic and heavily contaminated, and I¿m not convinced that the natural land fall will capture all and be capable of draining into the two small ponds at the other end of the site? Having regard for the extremely close proximity of 5 domestic residences, a concentration of 8 occupied rented industrial storage businesses and a highly sensitive Recreational Play-Barn for children under 5 years of age, I would have thought that this entire site requires extra special ¿human¿ safety precautions? An excavated impervious lowered inclined base over the whole site with a surround bunding including containment reservoirs inside the bounded site, of equal capacity to the water silos surely should be an essential feature? Thereby ensuring absolutely no possibility of contaminated water escape into the local watercourse. Similarly, with residents and very young vulnerable children in the immediate area there should be measures to contain the highly toxic respiratory damaging fumes, where are they?

I also note that this application compound includes one of the largest former agricultural sheds, at Wayfield Farm, namely Unit 8, the most northerly detached shed so recently, conveniently and most inappropriately granted ¿Industrial Change of Use¿. This mega sized shed is within only a few feet of Rownall Road and immediately next to the neighbours rented office/storage units. With tenants and trade delivery vehicles now arriving throughout the day, this must be another major concern. If this building is now, also to be included as part of the Battery Storage site, then strict conditions must be imposed to ensure that no dangerous flammable and explosive products should ever be stored within. Better still, leave it outside the Battery Storage perimeter and reduce the risk to human safety by maintaining the existing planning consent intention previously declared by the applicant so very recently, as an independent rented industrial unit business within this now dangerously positioned, Business Park!

Sincerely Ian Podmore

ST9 0BT. Sent on behalf of the ¿Rownall & Bagnall Save the Green Belt Campaign¿.

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